(a) if so, whether the proposal envisages that a timeframe be



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| 12. | MPI 31908 | Sh. Hari Om Kashyap C-31. Mainpuri | 25.12.99 | 13.3.2000 | 6.12.2001 | 11.4.2000 |
| 13. | MPI 31967 | Sh. Upendra Singh Station Road. Mainpuri | 25.12.99 | 17.3.2000 | 27.10.2000 | . 11.4.2000 |
| 14. | MPI 31995 | Sh. Lal Ram Shakya Pani Tanki. Mainpuri | 25.6.99 | 17.3.2000 | 13.2.2002 | 11.4.2000 |
| 15. | MPI 32065 | Sh. Rajesh Kumar Ram Lila Maidan. Mainpuri | 16.12.99 | 28.3.2000 | 21.9.2001 | 11.4.2000 |
| 16. | MPI 32079 | Sh. Rajendra Singh Yadav Krishna Ngr. Mainpuri | 27.12.99 | 31.3.2000 | 4.12.2001 | 11.4.2000 |
| 17. | MPI 32892 | Smt. Shamsad Begum Manmood Ngr. Mainpuri | 28.12.99 | 20.12.2000 | 17.4.2001 | 11.1.2001 |
| 18. | MPI 32733 | Smt. Binavadini Chauhan Baiajipuram. Mainpuri | 28.6.2000 | 31.8.2000 | 9.3.2002 | 11.12.2000 |
| 19. | MPI 40751 | Sh. Gyancndra Kr. Mishra Gali 2. Mainpuri | 23.12.99 | 7.4.2000 | 3.8.2000 | 11.6.2000 |
| 20. | MPI 40895 | Sh. Brijendra Nath Mishra Chautluina. Mainpuri | 21.9.2000 | 19.10.2000 | 11.6.2001 | 20.12.2000 |
| 21. | MPI 34819 | Sh. Anil Kr. Saxena Hindupuram Col. Mainpuri | 31.1.2000 | 18.11.2000 | 5.11.2001 | 11.12.2000 |
| 22. | MPI 34598 | Sh. Shyam Saran Gupta Karhal Road. Mainapuri | 1.9.2000 | 20.3.2001 | 6.2.2002 | 11.6.2001 |
| 23. | MPI 35441 | Sh. Jaian Singh Yadav Hindupuram Col. Mainpuri | 23.12.99 | 28.11.2000 | 2.1.2002 | 11.12.2000 |
| 24. | MPI 35108 | Sh. Balak Ram Shakya Nai Basti. Mainpuri | 25.9.2000 | 28.11.2000 | 3.2.2001 | 11.12.2000 |

**Involvement of Private Sector in Export of Foodgrains**

*537. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal is being considered for a long term timeframe for capping foodgrains procurement by FCI;

(b) if so, whether the proposal envisages that a timeframe be

outlined for amending the minimum buffer stock provision to a maximum buffer stock;

(c) what is FCI's own storage capacity at present;

(d) whether this new proposal would help the private sector in exports;

(c) whether Government would also make provision to free them from the State taxes; and

(f) if so, to what extent Government have agreed to involve private sector in exports as well as setting up of godowns in the country?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a), (b) and (d) The procurement of foodgrains at present is open ended. In the context of burgeoning stocks of foodgrains and mounting food subsidy, a suggestion has been made that there should be a ceiling on procurement. A suggestion has also been made that the existing buffer stock norms be reviewed and scaled down. The matter is being examined.

(c) As on 1.3.2002, the total storage capacity available with the Food Corporation of India (FCI) was 356.49 lakh tonnes out of which 150.16 lakh tonnes was its own.

(e) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present. However, WTO compatible subsidies are being provided for the export of foodgrains from the Central Pool.

(f) Private parties are free to take wheat and rice from the Central Pool for the purpose of export. The National Policy on Handling, Storage and Transportation of Foodgrains envisages, *inter alia,* harnessing the efforts and resources of public and private sector, both domestic and foreign.

**Connectivity of Garuda Mobile Service**

*538. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether connectivity of Garuda Mobile Service is growing;